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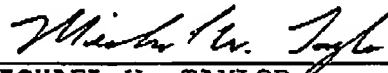
REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the present application. Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for correctly indicating as allowable the subject matter of dependent Claims 12, 15, 16, 23, 26, 27, 34, 37 and 38.

Independent Claim 10 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 12. Similarly, independent Claims 20 and 31 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter from their respective dependent Claims 23 and 34. Dependent Claims 12, 23 and 34 have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments provided herein, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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